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## U. L. C. Drives On

IT WAS A MAGNIFICENT meeting. And it dealt a devastating blow to those who would seek to divide our ranks in Greater Toledo. Of course, we're talking about the nearly 250 delegates who came to the meeting of the United Labor Committee — already representing the vast majority of organized labor in our community — to serve notice that this organization, which made possible the election of Tom Burke to Congress, is here to stay.

"All of our people are represented in this great gathering," declared Harry Card, Teamsters president, to the meeting. "And, but for a certain telegram, more would have been here. But they will come. They will join us as they see that without this kind of labor unity we cannot hope to achieve our legitimate goals." Mr. Card, with deep sincerity and simple eloquence, reminded Mr. William Green, AFL President, who directed the Central Labor Union not to affiliate with the U.L.C., that "wherever labor united, victory was assured. Look at San Francisco; look at Ohio and look at Minnesota where Senator Ball was roundly defeated by liberal, pro-labor Senator Humphrey," he cried. "In all these places, and many more, we won because we were united. We shall win in Toledo, too, because we shall remain united."

Mr. Earl Caton, another AFL leader, rose after Mr. Card to read the resolution passed by the AFL convention in Cincinnati calling for "labor unity." "This is our policy," he declared adding that "those who seek to divide us will not succeed because working people have their own minds and they know that only through unity — solid unity — can they march on towards their goal."

Following the AFL leaders, UAW Vice-President, Richard Gosser, took the floor: "We have been in this organization since its inception. We intend to stay with this organization as long as it will fight for the betterment of the working people. Furthermore," he continued, "I ask that we re-invite all those who are not yet with us. Their place is here, in our ranks. If for any reason, personal or otherwise, they stay away and attempt to destroy our unity, such people are working against the most basic interests of those whom they represent. But if there is someone who would like to join our organization so that he may personally benefit thereby; someone, who would like to use this organization for selfish purposes, to them I say stay out, because this organization is dedicated to serve the masses of people we represent and not the ambitions of self-seeking "individuals."

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It was good to listen to these declarations of basic principles. And the delegates vigorously applauded the speakers. Manifestly they each expressed the yearnings and desires of the great gathering.

We wish the elected officers well. And we say to all labor organizations not yet affiliated to the U.L.C. to do so NOW. The threatening clouds of an aproaching economic upheaval are already darkening the horizon. People — our own working people — are already clamoring for aid and assistance. Over 15,000 in our own community are now walking the streets, aimless and jobless. More thousands are scheduled for lay-offs. Nationally some 3,000,000 workers are out of work.

Where will all this lead to? Another Great Depression — like the one in the early thirties?

If we do nothing about the threatening storm, another depression is practically inevitable. But if we do something; if we band together and make our voices heard by those who hold within their hands the destiny of our nation; if we raise our voices in a deafening chorus to our City, State and Federal Government that they must take the necessary steps to protect our people from the fearful ravages of another economic storm . . . by doing that we may live the kind of happy and joyous life that this great country of ours could so easily guarantee us.

And it is all so simple. All we have to do is STICK TOGETHER. Yes, just "hang together' within the folds of the United Labor Committee or "most assuredly we shall all hang separately" outside the folds of the United Labor Committee.

## Doctors And Health

WE HAVE ALWAYS been under the impression that the fundamental purpose of our Medicos is to safeguard the health of our people. Apparently we have been sadly mistaken. How else can we explain the recent action of the American Medical Association in assessing all of its 140,000 members $25.00 each to raise $3,500,000 for the expressed purpose of fighting President Truman's national health insurance plan? The AMA has already hired one of the cleverest public relations outfits in the country, "at a price reputed to be the highest in history," to carry on this fight.

Dr. Channing Frothingham of Boston, speaking for the Committee for the Nation's Health, a voluntary group organized in support of the President's program, condemned the AMA's action. "The AMA's only proposal for meeting that national problem is the same as before — voluntary health insurance." Dr. Forthingham, who is a former president of the Massachusetts Medical Society, further declared that the so-called "program" of the AMA is nothing but "window dressing."

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Even Senator Taft shys away from this phoney program. He advocates his own program in the hope of killing the one requested by the President.

Of course, those who determine the policy of AMA are only concerned with their own personal incomes. And some of these incomes — considering the prices doctors charge these days — must really be fabulous. These people care not for those who are too poor to afford proper medical care. Everyone knows this — including the Medicos who are spending 3.5 million bucks to prevent the government from providing this absolutely essential service to our people.

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We think doctors should be well paid for services rendered. That applies to all workers and all professions. But we think that the selfish interests of a particular group — doctors or otherwise — should be permitted to stand in the way of providing health and medical service for those of our citizens who are too poor to pay for it.

## Criminals-At-Large

FELIX Z. LONGORIA was a Mexican boy and he hailed form Three Rivers, Texas. Like so many others, Felix was called to serve Uncle Sam. He did. In 1945 he was killed in action in Luzon.

Tihs might have ended his story, but for the fact that his body was recently returned to his native Texas by the Army. Only he was not wanted in Texas. The undertaker told the bereaved family that his services were "only for whites." and Felix was a Mexican boy. Fortunately, through the intervention of friends Felix was finally laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. All credit to those who made this arrangement.

But what else but utter comtempt can we express for those who heaped this irreparable insult on the earthly remains of Felix Longoria! No, its not altogether the fault of that miserable undertaker. The fault lies with those who propagate race prejudice; with those who consider themselves God's chosen simply because their skin happens to be white even though they are nothing but scoundrels and hypocrites of the worst type.

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Of course, not all people in Texas — nor anywhere else — are like this pitiful undertaker. There are people everywhere who realize that in this country all of us — regardless of race, creed or color — are equal. Our Constitution, our Bill of Rights and our Declaration of Independence tells us that.

But it is about time that we make those who care not a tinkers damn about our basic laws, and the right of others, to live up to these fundamentals American principles.

And that means the adoption of strong Fair Employment laws to be administered by fully manned F.E.P.C. committees. It means cracking down hard on all those who violate the rights of our citizens in whatever form.

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We claim that we are a free and a democratic people. We shout this daily to the Heavens . . . and to people everywhere. But this is not so as long as race prejudice prevails. Felix Longoria — and the countless other victims of this hideous crime — know that. After all, Felix didn't want to lay in Arlington NationalCemetery.

All he wanted was just a little bit of his native Texas for which he gave his life.

## "This stuff ought to be removed—Yawn!"

# Inside America

YOU WATCH some Congressmen in action in Washington — and wonder what they really know about the problems facing millions of Americans.

There was an incident at the recent Wage-Hour hearings that highlighted the gap between old-line GOP "theoretical" arguments and the actual facts of life in many communities.

On the witness stand was Mrs. Gertrude Jones of Hagerstown, Md. She's a CIO laundry worker. Twelve years ago she was making 18 cents (that's right, 18 cents) an hour. Today, thanks to the union's help, her pay is up to a basic 53c an hour — and on "good" weeks her take-home is $19.

"I hope that Congress will do something to help us get a living wage," she said, and she voiced hope for a 75c minimum wage.

Now the wage-hour law — with its 40c minimum — has been on the books since 1938, and the country really hasn't gone to the dogs in that time.

But free enterprise of the $19-a-week sort looked fine to Rep. Gwinn (R.) of Westchester County, New York — the wealthiest county in the entire United States.

And to Gwinn, adoption of a 75c minimum wage rate would be the action of a "compulsory state"; the rich man's Republican was worried whether "we'd have any Constitution left' if Mrs. Jones was guaranteed $30 pay for 40 hours of work!

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ROBERT N. DENHAM has been overruled in a fight over a bathtub.

The NLRB, of which he is the grand exalted general counsel, is moving to new quarters in the Federal Security Agency. Denham found that the main suite of the new offices had a deluxe bath and shower. Used to having his orders obeyed at NLRB, Denham demanded that he be given the suite—and the tub.

NLRB Chairman Paul Herzog, who has urged Congress to abolish Denham's duties, got his dander up, insisted that he get the suite.

Herzog won out.

Denham then galloped over to the Public Building administration and demanded a similar shower and tub for his offices. PBA agreed pronto.

It'll cost the taxpayers $1000 to keep Denham clean.

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Representatives of CIO Railway Workers have visited Washington to protest heavy layoffs. They call it a "conspiracy by the American Railway Association."

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Steelworkers have told Congress of their opposition to both basing points and the f.o.b. system of pricing steel.

Their recommendation: Let the Federal Trade Commission, not Congress, set up pricing rules.

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Fred Hartley's — of the Taft Hartley Act — back in Washington as a "union" man. He's lobbist for the Tool Owners' Union. That's the same outfit which in 1947 was denied incorporation by Gov. Tom Dewey's New York Labor Department. The grounds for the denial: Tool Owners' Union is "Fascist in form."

Fred is also president of the Tool Owners' Union.

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NEWSPAPER reaction to Walter Reuther's plan to build homes in unused airplane plants, was surprisingly favorable. Many papers which usually turn an automatic thumbs-down on any proposals from labor saw sense in the ideas of the head of the CIO Housing Committee.

There are millions of square feet of unused factory space in the airplane industry; and government warehouses are full of plane-producing machinery which could be used for mass-producing homes to meet the nation-wide housing crisis.

Reuther put the two and two together in his plan. The country gets efficient, low-priced homes; thousands of workers find employment; and the country's airplane factories operate on a basis where they can quickly switch to plane production in case of emergency.

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H. V. Kaltenborn, the radio commentator, gained a lot of publicity as the man whom President Harry Truman lampooned so well at that Inauguration Banquet in Washington. (You may have seen the newsreel shots of HST imitating 'Kaltenborn's' predictions on how the GOP would win the election).

Now Kaltenborn comes through with a plug for the CIO's radio quiz show (IT'S IN THE FAMILY, ABC network, Tuesday nights at 10:30 P.M. EST). Kaltenborn broadcast a begrudging tribute to the CIO radio show — and a lament that the National Association of Manufacturers show which follows CIO on the air is so deadly, deadly dull.

Said Kaltenborn on his broadcast: "The labor union program was a lively, well presented, well-organized quiz show . . . It was an amusing, fast-moving show with lots of human interest.

"The 15 minutes that followed were intended to give management a chance to present its side of the labor relations story . . . But the presentation was so dull and stodgy that my wife made me turn it off . . . American industry has a longway to go before it can equal labor unions — particularly the CIO — intelling its story to the public."

Thanks, Mr. Kaltenborn!

# Incorporated America

**By Ruth Taylor**

We are America. America is all of us — incorporated for our government is a people's government, made for the people and answerable to the people.

It was Carlyle who said: "History is the essence of innumerable biographies." America is the sum total of the lives and ideals of millions of seekers after freedom — not of freedom for themselves alone, but of freedom for all men. They realized the truth that no man is free unless all men are free. That all men are created equal is not just a high sounding phrase. It is the keynote in the Bill of Rights that has made America the greatest nation on earth.

The best prophet of the future is the past. What we will do and where we will go is determined by our past and by the ideals that shaped both past and present.. Our national expansion has not been the result of bloody conquest or plundering. We bought Alaska from Russia, Louisiana from France. The constant goal of the American people has been the attainment of a society marked by the individual liberty granted to all men, regardless of race, creed or economic status.

Dean Acheson, our new Secretary of State, once said: "We are individualists. For that reason we love freedom, "freedom to be ourselves. We We don't think brutality is a sign of greatness. We want a world that is free from bullies going around and beating people up and taking things away from them, or making them do what they don't want to do."

Today all of us have a stake in our foreign policies. Tolerance and fairness, sound judgment and understanding are just as essential in us as they are in our diplomats and statesmen, because they are but the reflection of ourselves. They represent us, the people.

As Americans — we hold as our basic thesis that the good of the majority is the good of all, that all men are entitled to equal treatment and to equal responsibility. As Americans, we value duty above privilege; truth above petty phrases; wisdom above cleverness; tolerance above prejudice.

Democracy is conduct, and its only stable foundation is character. What America is, is determined by what its citizens — you and I and the man next door — are. We are America.

# Regional Views

By Richard Gosser, Vice President
International UAW-CIO

THERE are two topics I would like to cover this week. Each ties in with the other. Each is equally timely. The serious problem of unemployment is of great concern. The second subject deals with consumer purchasing power. Both of these items are probably covered elsewhere in this edition and they merit further reading.

When jobs are plentiful and wages are at a peak, few of us seem to worry about security or about purchasing power. It is when we are laid off and haven't the money to buy the things we need that we begin to scratch our heads and think that something should be done about it.

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Toledo is not alone in having an employment slump. But 10,000 people idled by layoffs—and who knows where the figure may go—is something for Toledoans to think about. There is no point in spreading gloom by guessing that this is the start of another depression. High economic advisors have repeatedly told us that this is not so. They say it is a levelling off period, and that it is what might very well prevent a depression.

Be that as it may, it is poor consolation to those who are right now out of work and unable to find suitable employment.

The LMC is looking into the situation, with the thought in mind that it can be remedied by finding the proper solution to our problem locally, although we cannot expect the LMC to cure the national ailment.

ONE THING that interferes with the cooperation the union can give as its contribution—although this is not too terribly important—is the tendency of a few individuals to ridicule and deride anyone who attempts to cooperate for the common good. It was labor-management cooperation that helped to bring millions of dollars in war contracts to Toledo. It has been labor-management-cooperation that has given our town a good reputation in avoiding serious conflict on the industrial scene, and this cooperation will aid in solving the present employment crisis if we all try to work together on this.

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On the subject of purchasing power, the answer is simply this: People must be able to buy what they produce. A natural economic balance is thus achieved.

Production without consumption means depression. So long as there is production and a market for the goods and services offered there will be no widespread unemployment.

THE GREATEST step the consumers can take toward realizing a permanent prosperity is the formation of consumer cooperative organizations. The Co-Op here in Toledo will not do away with private enterprise, as some people might think, but it will be a stabilizing factor in prices and production as well as in employment. When "profits" of the co-ops are regarded as a form of "overcharge", and are returned to the consumers, this means thousands and millions of dollars in available purchasing power.

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The co-ops are a healthy thing for our economy. They prevent depressions if they are built strongly enough, as in the case of Sweden and Denmark. They fight monopoly control, and keep private business on its toes, guarding against abuse of the public.

There are two things all of us should do. First, we should try to help and cooperate with the people who are planning against unemployment, and secondly we must organize on the consumer level while we still are in a position to do so.

# What's New?

By Edward J. Duck
Journal Columnist

"THE SUN is a 'shining to welcome the day . . . Heigh ho, come to the fair!"

No, we're not advertising a Nelson Eddy recording. We're talking about the most important event ever prepared for you and your neighbor—the Co-Op Fair to be held at Moose Hall next week.

If you've never heard Vic Reuther speak, you've got a treat in store for you. Like his brother, Walter, Vic packs dynamite, and he knows his facts. Vic will tell you what has been done all over the State of Michigan where the consumers got together and started stores of their own. And he'll entertain you every minute.

Arnold Zander, AFL co-op expert, is another fellow who is nationally recognized. He knows his stuff, and he's coming all the way from Washington to give our Co-Op Fair the "kick off" it deserves next Wednesday night. He and Vic will share the spotlight.

The whole fair, including the addresses by Vic and Arnold, is absolutely free. Murray Lincoln, the champ of all when it comes to consumer problems, will pack them in next Sunday, March 6, also at Moose Hall, first floor. Lincoln is positively tops, and there's no question about it. The old boy's a walking almanac. He has been appointed to four presidential boards under Roosevelt and Truman.

There's no use dilly-dallying around. We're a whole month ahead of the schedule followed by the Michigan co-ops in the organizing drive. We might as well put this over right now with a bang. We've been talking about it long enough, so now we're really going at it hammer and tongs. The interest is unbelievable. If things turn out like it appears they will, there will be a chain of super market shopping centers in Toledo in no time at all.

DOEHLER-JARVIS is wild about the idea. They voted to invest $5000 last Sunday, donated 10 cents per member, and bought a share of stock in the name of the organization. The Willys Unit is about to do something very big for the Co-Op, according to a very reliable report. Lots of other local unions have contributed, invested, and set up organizing committees. We're really on the march.

Furthermore, we will have two or three locations for our stores and shopping centers within a very short time. There's no point in divulging information as to the probable whereabouts of these stores, because real estate prices have already been stepped up in certain locations just because someone suspected that the property was "hot." Fortunately, we're going to be able to leave these sharpies holding an empty bag. because we've already bought our first spot, and we're not going to hint as to the second and third locations. We'll just say that the part of town that gives us 2000 members the quickest will get the next shopping center built there.

THE CO-OP FAIR is open to anyone who wants to come. If your company president or personnel director wants to attend the meetings and the fair, or if he wants to join or purchase merchandise at the fair, he is welcome to do so. This does not belong to the CIO, it belongs to the consumers of Toledo, and so far as I know, Republicans eat, too. In fact, they eat especially well, but we won't go into that, because the Co-Op itself is pledged to political neutrality except when someone starts stepping on its toes.

Certain people are trying to give the impression that the Co-Op is a CIO project. It is not. The AFL is helping, too. So are credit unions. So are university professors. So are a lot of other people, including insurance salesmen, small businessmen, and others. No one individual or group is going to "run" the Co-Op. It is a movement for the betterment of society. The CIO is merely doing its duty toward its members by trying to show them how to make their dollars go further.

The Co-Op is a wonderful thing. That's why we say, "Come to the fair!"